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CHOCOLATES

## FOOT FAULT?

## AUST. MAY STILL PLAY HOME AND AWAY TIES

— By LOU GAUTIER —

ASF secretary, Ian McAndrew, this week contradicted the views expressed by ASF treasurer Tom Grimson in our last issue concerning Australia's World Cup commitments.

McAndrew said on his return from holidays that he had spoken to the Japanese chiefs during their Australian visit about the coming World Cup qualifying matches.

Whereas Tom Grimson

had understood from his talks with the head of the Japanese delegation that Japan was agreeable to staging a round-robin tournament in Japan, McAndrew formed an entirely different opinion.

"The Japanese aren't keen at all to stage a tournament in their country," he said.

"The pre-Olympic Asian tourney last year ran at a loss and only a couple of matches attracted large crowds.

"Besides, Japan will not under any circumstances invite North Korea, with whom they have broken off all diplomatic and sporting relations."

## JAPAN MADE PROFIT

The three internationals against Japan grossed nearly \$30,000.

Once Japan's \$12,000 match fee and other sundry expenses are deducted, the net profit is expected to be a still very healthy \$8,000 or \$9,000 despite the relatively small attendances.

NSW and Victoria will retain the bulk of the profits from the matches in Sydney and Melbourne.

The Adelaide gate, however, belongs in full to the Australian Federation which underwrote the third international because the South Australian Federation was not prepared to take the financial risk.

## COSTS SPLIT

McAndrew is adamant that Japan favors home-and-away matches as suggested earlier by the ASF.

He said he was drafting a proposal to be submitted to Japan and South Korea, the Asian opponents in our subgroup, whereby the big travelling costs involved in two-legged ties would be minimised.

McAndrew's plan calls for the three countries to share all costs and split any profits three ways.

Rhodesia, McAndrew claims, has agreed to play all its qualifying matches abroad, starting with Australia in October this year.

The Rhodesians are prepared to play for only 10 per cent of the gate if their airfares are paid.

The ASF will recommend that Rhodesia play one of its Australian matches in Perth and the second either in Sydney or Melbourne, within a week of each other.

A few days later Rhodesia would fly to Japan for their next elimination matches while Australia went to play their "away" match in Seoul against South Korea.

Before returning home, Rhodesia would complete their World Cup commitments by playing in South Korea while Australia moved on to Japan for the last of our "away" matches.

South Korea and Japan would travel to Australia in 1969 for the return matches.



South Coast goalie George Ramage has a narrow escape against Hakoah as he saves with his foot. Hakoah, however, went on to win 3-1 and lead the Sydney championship.

## ST. GEORGE IN SLUMP AFTER THREE ROUNDS

— By PAUL DEAN —

The poor form and the lowly placing of last year's Grand Final winners St. George-Budapest is the early shock of the Sydney season.

With two defeats out of three engagements under their belt, the Saints look anything but championship prospects at this stage.

The early leaders, Hakoah and Pan Hellenic have been diligently collecting all the points they could — yet in actual match play have been overshadowed by

Prague, Sydney's "method team."

It's obvious now that the intelligent, progressive coaching work of first Stefan Cambal and then Joe Venglos is paying rich dividends for Prague.

And what's more: it's only Prague that has so far managed to lift a number of promising local youngsters

out of complete obscurity and keep them from vanishing like so many other talents.

This week's double-round (Thursday and the weekend) may drastically alter the competition table.

Hakoah have an immensely tough program as they meet APIA and Prague; if they can collect

the four points, they will be firmly established as the early championship favorites.

Manly, the newly promoted district club, have their big chance to start collecting points as they meet Polonia and Yugal — neither an unbeatable proposition.

## NSW Federation First Division

TEAM	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY							NEXT OPPONENT	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	* HOME MATCH	
Hakoah	19	3	3	—	—	7	2	6	1	1	—	—	3	1	2	2	2	—	—	4	1	4	APIA - Prague*
P. Hellenic	18	3	3	—	—	8	3	6	2	2	—	—	5	2	4	1	1	—	—	3	1	2	Yugal* - St. George
Prague	17	3	2	1	—	8	3	5	1	1	—	—	3	0	2	2	1	1	—	5	3	3	Canterbury* - Hakoah
APIA	16	3	2	—	1	5	4	4	1	1	—	—	1	0	2	2	1	—	1	4	4	2	Hakoah* - SCU
Melita Eagles	15	2	—	1	3	3	4	1	—	—	1	1	3	0	2	2	2	—	—	2	0	4	St. George* - Canterb.
Polonia	14	3	1	1	1	6	6	3	2	—	1	1	3	5	1	1	1	—	—	3	1	2	Manly - Croatia*
South Coast Utd	13	3	1	—	2	8	6	2	1	1	—	—	7	2	2	2	—	—	2	1	4	0	Croatia* - APIA*
Croatia	12	3	1	—	2	3	4	2	2	1	—	1	2	2	2	1	—	—	1	1	2	0	SCU - Polonia
Yugal	11	3	1	—	2	3	4	2	2	1	—	1	3	1	2	1	—	—	1	0	3	0	P. Hellenic - Manly*
St. George	10	3	1	—	2	2	4	2	2	1	—	1	2	3	2	1	—	—	1	0	1	0	Melita - P. Hellenic*
Canterbury	9	3	—	—	3	4	13	0	2	—	—	2	2	6	0	1	—	—	1	2	7	0	Prague - Melita*
Manly	8	3	—	—	3	1	6	0	2	—	—	2	0	3	0	1	—	—	1	1	3	0	Polonia* - Yugal

### \* HOME MATCH

APIA - Prague\*  
Yugal\* - St. George  
Canterbury\* - Hakoah  
Hakoah\* - SCU  
St. George\* - Canterb.  
Manly - Croatia\*  
Croatia\* - APIA\*  
SCU - Polonia  
P. Hellenic - Manly\*  
Melita - P. Hellenic\*  
Prague - Melita\*  
Polonia\* - Yugal



# CARDIFF TO TOUR

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Cardiff City, the Welsh club operating in the English Second Division, has been preferred to West Germany's Munchen 1860 and will tour Australia for eight matches in June.

Cardiff will arrive in Australia on June 6 and play twice in Sydney and Melbourne and also appear in Adelaide, Brisbane, Newcastle and Perth.

They will then make a six-match tour of New Zealand. The Australian Federation's tours sub-committee decided to sponsor Cardiff City's visit at its meeting in Melbourne last weekend.

Cardiff City were originally invited by New Zealand, but as the New Zealanders were unable to sponsor the visit by themselves, they turned to Australia for financial assistance.

NZFA delegates flew to Melbourne last weekend and offered the ASF such favorable terms that it could not possibly refuse.

The Welshmen will receive substantially less than the \$2,500 per match asked for by Munchen 1860 — a decisive factor because W.D. and H.O. Wills won't be sponsoring any tours this year.

The financial terms are so attractive that the ASF and the States should make a substantial profit even if Cardiff City fail to attract very large crowds.

## JOHN CHARLES

At **SOCCER WORLD's** suggestion, the ASF has agreed to ask Cardiff City to invite the world-famous John Charles as a guest player.

Charles, though semi-retired, is the one Welsh player with a world-wide reputation, and his presence would boost Cardiff's drawing-power.

By reaching the semifinals

of the European Cup-Winners' Cup this year — after beating Torpedo Moscow — Cardiff succeeded where fellow-British teams, Tottenham and Aberdeen failed.

If Cardiff eliminate Hamburger SV of West Germany they will become the sixth British club to reach the final of a European club competition.

Cardiff met Hamburger SV in their first leg match at Hamburg yesterday (Wednesday) and will play the return match at Ninian Park, their home ground, on May 1.

On the home front Cardiff City haven't done so well this year.

After 38 rounds they occupy equal 15th place with 35 points with six matches remaining (they have two games in hand because of their European Cup commitments).

## TOP COACH

Cardiff are coached by Scot, Jimmy Scouler, regarded by many as one of Britain's all-time greats, though he was never capped for Scotland.

Though they are a Welsh club, Cardiff City have more English and Scottish players than Welsh-born talent on their books.

Their star players this season have been centre-half, Don Murray, a Scot, centre-forward, John Toshack, a local product and Welsh international, and Brian Harris, the colorful halfback who toured Australia with Everton in 1964.

● More on the Cardiff City tour next week.

# SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

The ASF has decided not even to contemplate inviting a Brazilian team. The reason is astonishing. Said secretary Ian McAndrew this week: "The last thing we'll do is to invite a Brazilian team. The Brazilians lured Napoli away from Australia this year by offering them tempting terms to take part in a local tournament".

The ILLAWARRA Under-18 representative team to play Queensland on Anzac Day at Memorial Park, Corimal, will be chosen from the following squad: R. Smith, C. Jarvis, D. Critcher, P. Pinazza, L. Brown, G. Masters, P. Landrigan, S. Hudson, C. Brown, C. Mifsud, J. Moreno, A. Yugal, A. Lindsay, B. Bentley, J. Vercoe, P. Henry, I. Tidswell, E. McConville, J. Armstrong, R. Constable, N. Paterson and K. Wall.

**BANKSTOWN** will play a friendly match against Pan Hellenic at Bankstown S.C. on Tuesday, May 7, under floodlights. Kick-off will be at 7.45 p.m.

**MELITA EAGLES** have suspended Fred Falzon for an indefinite period for alleged misbehavior at a club function. A well-known Eagles' supporter, Freddy Vella, more famous as a body building expert, has also been barred from their clubrooms. Falzon immediately applied for a transfer. A fee of \$4,500 was slapped on him. He has appealed because Melita only paid \$1,000 to Prague for him.

**PAT WOODS**, former South Coast and now Melita Eagles left fullback, is seeking a transfer, too.

In case you expect great improvements from POLONIA soon, forget it. Due to Sydney's acute ground shortage, they can only train two evenings — Monday and Wednesday — at two different grounds, almost literally under candlelight.

We hope the ABC will put to excellent use the fortune they are saving through dispensing with the Sunday evening services of Martin Royal. In the 6.15 p.m. "sports summary" last Sunday we had the pleasure of hearing the otherwise nice guy John O'Reilly announcing that "Polonia beat Pan Hellenic 3-1..." and that "unfortunately we haven't got the scorer of South Coast..." before saying goodbye on this cheery note: "So much for Sydney sport today". And so much for the ABC, too.

St. George-Budapest Soccer Club Limited have cancelled their FILM NIGHT on Anzac Day.

Former "Mirror" soccer writer, TOM ROGERS, is featured every Saturday morning on TCN Channel Nine's

sports show. The soccer segment, which lasts about 10 minutes, starts at around 11.20 a.m. A leading player will be interviewed each week.

The MT. BUSBY (Southern Districts) club will again conduct their annual Chandris Line Trophy for under-7 years schoolboy teams on Sundays during August.

The latest **SOCCER SCORES** are now available at 5 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday by ringing the special sporting result service provided by the PMG. If you ring 2-076 you'll get all First Division results.

**REFEREES' Associations** from the Riverina, Bathurst, and Dubbo, as well as the main Ku-ring-gai referees, have affiliated with the Federation referees.

The **METROPOLITAN Championships** over grades from under-8 to seniors will start throughout Sydney on May 5.

St. George-Budapest are well and truly spreading the soccer GOSPEL in their area. Their latest achievement, thanks to John Warren, is a competition for six schools,



JOHN WARREN

fielding 18 teams, who never played competitive soccer before. The club will donate 50 balls to the schools and junior clubs in the district are donating the shirts.

The official reason given by Croatia officials for the demise of coach ANTE ZANETIC was that "he could not make himself understood by the players because his

English was poor". New coach, BILL VROLYKS, incidentally, was not on the bench last Saturday. He only assumed his new position last Tuesday. Vrolyks, however, was an interested spectator at Lambert Park last weekend when his new team beat Manly 2-0.

The Bankstown Soccer Coaches Academy will screen "Road to Success" and a FILM of Benfica at training at the social club in Gartmore Avenue, Bankstown, on the evening of May 7.

The **"FOOT-TENNIS"** competition staged by the St. George-Budapest Club kicks off on May 20. The winning team will receive \$150, the runners-up \$50. Entries for the two-man KO series close on May 13. Players from all clubs are welcome and should ring John Warren at 57-4778.

Pan Hellenic's PETER LARAMAN, now fully recovered from an injury, is likely to return to the team for at least one of this week's two matches.

A soccer **"FORUM"** will be held once a month at the St. George Soccer Club at Mortdale, starting soon. Guest speakers will express their views on topical matters and the audience will be invited to participate in the discussion.

CLIFF McDERMOTT, the Bankstown left half, is 21 years old on Anzac Day.

Thistle's DEFERRED first round competition match against Eastside-MTK in the Inter-Suburban First Division

will be played at the Bankstown Soccer Centre on May 4.

The **COACHES' FEDERATION** will meet at the Western Suburbs club, Bevin St., Five Dock, on Monday, May 6, at 7 p.m. At 8.15 p.m. films of matches between Celtic and Inter Milan, and England and Hungary will be shown. All those interested in soccer coaching are cordially invited to attend.

There is a strong rumor that an amalgamation between CORINTHIANS and a large district junior soccer association is imminent.

*Letter to the Editor*

**COACHES "HAPPY"**

After reading your article in the April 12 issue regarding dissatisfaction among Sydney coaches over Dettmar Cramer's statements, we are quite surprised as none of our members are amongst the people mentioned.

As a matter of fact, most members who attended all lectures were very impressed with Mr. Cramer's methods and coaching sessions.

As a matter of appreciation, Mr. Cramer was presented with an inscribed silver plate before his departure.

As for your suggestion for a coaching course for coaches, this is already in the moulding stage and we hope to implement it in the very near future.

BILL VROLYKS,  
Secretary,  
NSW Coaches' Federation.

## REFEREES STILL HAVE PROBLEMS

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Some sorting out is urgently required within the junior referees' set up.

Because the NSW Amateur Association allowed the NSW Federation of Referees to affiliate, the rival NSW Referees' Association has threatened to stop controlling Metropolitan Inter-District fixtures within the next few weeks.

This will happen, unless the Federation referees are disaffiliated, is the Association's thinly veiled threat.

The ground for the drastic action is apparently that the NSW Referees' Association claims that Metropolitan games are "State" fixtures which come under its exclusive control.

The Sydney Metropolitan Association's attitude is that the NSW amateurs should not accede to the threat, but should discuss the problem to obtain a sensible solution.

And so say all of us! The future of the Inter-District series is far too important to be tied up with local political wrangles.

## RESULT SCOREBOARD

FIRST DIVISION	APIA	St. George	Croatia	P. Hellenic	Hakoah	Canterbury	Prague	Polonia	Yugal	Melita Eagles	S. Coast Utd.	Manly
APIA	●	1-0										
St. George		●					1-3				1-0	
Croatia			●		0-2							2-0
P. Hellenic				●								3-1
Hakoah					●							
Canterbury						●						
Prague							●					
Polonia								●				
Yugal									●			
Melita Eagles										●		
S. Coast Utd.											●	
Manly												●

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# NO ASF CONTROL IN MORIBUND AUST. CUP

— By LOU GAUTIER —

It must be quite clear by now that the Australian Federation has lost whatever genuine interest it ever had in the ill-fated and long suffering Australia Cup.

This year's Australia Cup, instead of being the ASF's major domestic promotion, has almost been handed lock, stock and barrel to the State Federations, whose task it has become to organise all matches.

Why the ASF secretariat, whose only promotional job outside tours should be the national cup series has seen fit to burden State secretaries with an additional chore is almost inexplicable.

Yet this is what has happened.

The ASF has practically washed its hands from the 1968 Australia Cup.

Except for coming up with yet another format for this year's competition and appointing referees, the Australian Federation appears blissfully unconcerned.

## ILLOGICAL

And their logic in appointing referees to early round matches is hard to follow.

Last Wednesday, for instance, they sent Sydney's Harold Parsons all the way to Melbourne for the match between the two Victorian teams Croatia and Juventus, and went to the expense of flying Melbourne's Dave Maitland for the clash between St. George and Newcastle Austral in Sydney.

What's so different about an all-Victorian Australia Cup match from a State League

fixture that a local referee couldn't be in charge?

Seedings, dates and other organisational problems have had to be faced by the State Federations, whose secretaries, at this busy stage of the season when their local competitions are getting under way, have more than enough on their plates already.

The result has been chaos in every State, except NSW.

NSW Federation secretary, Aulden Brown, we are pleased to report, has the Sydney section of the Australia Cup firmly under control.

Dates and venues for all matches involving Sydney teams have long been finalised and have proceeded without a hitch so far.

In Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia, the picture is far less rosy.

Actually it's quite chaotic because there seems to be no liaison and co-operation between the States involved in early round matches.

Clubs are haggling over dates and their Federations apparently have neither the inclination nor capacity to sort out the mess.

How simpler it would have been if the ASF had organised the entire series from its own, central, headquarters, instead of unloading its responsibilities to State Federations, already up to their teeth with local matters.

Have you ever heard of the English FA handing over

the organisation of the FA Cup to clubs?

Of course not. The FA, like every other adult overseas sporting body has the first, last and the only say in its major promotion of the year.

But as the ASF is neither adult nor sanely constructed, any type of national competition in this country is doomed to confusion and last-minute panic moves.

## SYDNEY READY

We cannot vouch for the other States, but Sydney's two Australia Cup semifinals will be known before the deadline of May 31 imposed by the ASF for the completion of the quarterfinals.

By virtue of their respective wins over Latrobe and Newcastle Austral, Prague and St. George-Budapest have reached the quarterfinals.

South Sydney-Croatia, Hakoah, APIA or Pan Hellenic will join them in the quarterfinals after they've met in the second round.

APIA and Pan Hellenic meet at the Sportsground on Wednesday, May 1, and Hakoah plays Croatia at Marks Field the following Wednesday night, May 8.

The quarterfinals will open

## LEADING SCORERS

Alston (SCU)	3
Karyannis (Pan Hellenic)	3
Kulak (Polonia)	3
G. Manuel (Prague)	3
McGarry (SCU)	3
Smith (Pan Hellenic)	3

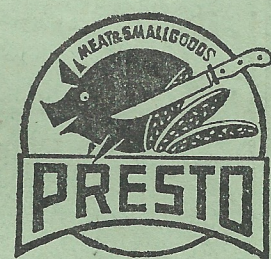
## FIRST DIVISION REFEREES

ANZAC DAY: Melita Eagles v. St. George — A.R. Brown; Pan Hellenic v. Yug — G. Naylor; Manly v. Polonia — P. Rampley; Prague v. Canterbury — M. Buchanan; APIA v. Hakoah — A. Boskovic; SCU v. Croatia — A. Faraone. SAT. SUNDAY: Canterbury v. Melita Eagles — A. Boskovic; Yug v. Manly — J. Henkelman; St. George v. Pan Hellenic — N. Jones; Polonia v. Croatia — P. Rampley; Hakoah v. Prague — H. Parsons; SCU v. APIA — K. Lockrey.

## CROWDS

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## Australia Cup

# Saints win in a canter

Perfectly illustrating the wide gap between Sydney and Newcastle standards, a far from impressive St. George-Budapest outclassed Newcastle Austral 5-0 in a midweek Australia Cup tie.

There was never much doubt about the outcome of this poorly attended affair.

But when David Cliss slammed home the first goal inside 45 seconds, the Novocastrians realised the enormity of their task.

From then on the Saints, still hesitant and creaking at the joints, proceeded to toy with a game but lacklustre opposition.

After 4-0 the Saints slowed down, as it so often happens in cup ties where piling up of goals beyond a certain point is useless.

Towards the end Newcastle Austral, always the triers and battlers, came back into the picture rescuing, if nothing else, their self-respect.

Occasionally the Saints played attractive soccer — but then they were allowed to.

Once again Schaefer and Cliss were the mainsprings

of the Sydneysiders though Hillary and Rees also played well.

Schauman is still searching for his scoring boots — he missed almost half a dozen absolute sitters which could have made the score pretty heavy indeed.

In the Newcastle team only Ray Lloyd caught the eye.

St. George - Budapest: Hopkins, Wills, Hillary, Schaefer, Morgan, Zuckerman, Stegbauer, Rees, Mansfield (Fernandez), Cliss, Schauman.

Newcastle Austral: Lanzoni, W. Gallagher, Marshall, Doolan, Allan, Lloyd, H. Gallagher, Adamson, Twidle, Skelly, Watkins.

Scorers: Cliss 1, 18 and 58 min., Schauman 14 and 54 min.

Referee: D. Maitland, (Vic.).

Crowd: 800.

— Frank Jordan.

## Meet the players

# Bargain signing for "Millionaires"

— By ALAN SPEERS —

Hakoah, the club never afraid to loosen its purse strings when the occasion demands, have made some notable purchases in the past season or two.

Last year, they signed Ray Baartz from Newcastle, then, more recently, paid APIA an Australian record transfer fee of \$8,000 for Johnny Watkiss.

Baartz, of course, has established himself as a goal-striker par excellence, and high hopes are held for his partnership with Watkiss when the latter is again match-fit.

Baartz and Watkiss apart, however, easily the club's most promising acquisition in the past season is their youthful Scottish wing-half, Ray Gardiner.

And, as if to prove that the "almighty dollar" is not always all-powerful, Gardiner cost the club not a cent.

Gardiner (17) found his way to Hakoah merely by chance.

He arrived in Australia with his family from Falkirk about five months ago, emigrating, as he puts it "to get a change of scenery."

On board, they chummed up with a couple also from their home town.

The couple travelled on to New Zealand after the Gardiner clan disembarked in Sydney, and met Hakoah stalwart Jock McGrory, also on a trip to the shaky isles.

The result was that, on his return to Sydney, McGrory contacted Ray Gardiner, with happy results for both parties.

Ray, a slightly built but determined player, took just one game to convince club officials he was too good for reserve grade soccer.

He has not looked back since, displaying a maturity far beyond his years.

So secure is his place that John Duffy apparently

thought it time to look for greener pastures with Melita.

Watching Gardiner line-up alongside the tall, powerfully built Alan Marnoch, one cannot but be reminded of David and Goliath.



RAY GARDINER

The only difference is that David's forsaken his sling to join forces with Goliath.

Talking to him after Sunday's clash with South

Coast, I ran into a little difficulty.

Not only was his broad Scottish brogue a little foreign to my ears (and that's only to be expected), but he displayed the traditional highland reluctance to talk about himself.

However, I did learn that all of his football experience was gained in junior competition in Falkirk.

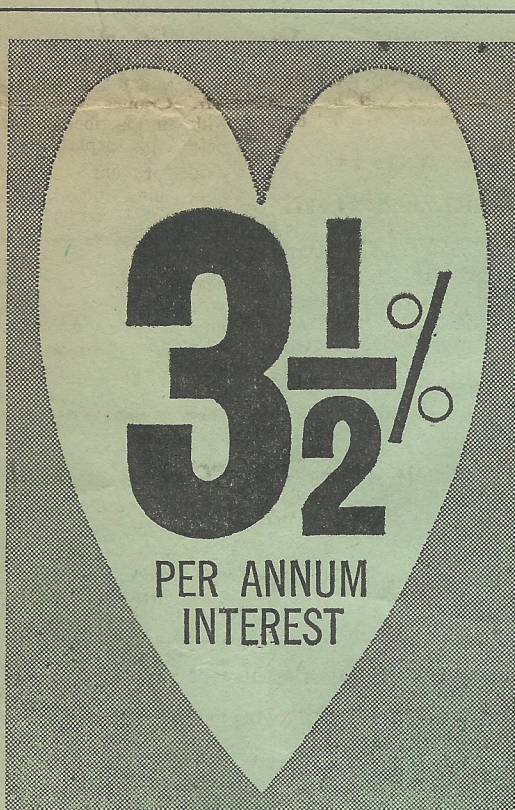
Judging by the coolness he has shown up to date, there's not much wrong with Scotland's junior players, even if the national team regularly runs into trouble through inconsistency.

Gardiner said he rated soccer in Sydney "a bit harder physically than at home."

"But as for skill, well..." he added.

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# SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

## RESULTS &amp; SCORERS

## HOW THEY LINED UP

## SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

## COACHES COMMENT

## Croatia

2 (0)

Martin 52 min., Giles 84 min.

Corry 3; Lincoln 4; Sloan 4; Curry 3; Shepherd 4; Reynolds 4; Martin 4; Page 3; Wright 3; Giles 4; Fraser 3.

TOTAL: 39

Coach: B. Bicanic.

## Manly

0 (0)

Tuinman 4; McGrath 4; Brooks 4; Verrills 3; Campbell 3 (injured); Jagger 3 (injured); Hughes 4; Dobbin 3 (Ridding 3); G. Jones 3; Waller 3; Harris 3.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: D. Adrigan

## Canterbury

1 (1)

Rinos 37 min. (penalty).

Astill 3; Whitehead 4; Raeburn 2; Galbraith 4; Konstakopoulos 3; Hardy 3; Kauz 3 (Clarke 3); Hewitt 3; Hood 3; Rinos 4; Paxinos 3.

TOTAL: 35

Coach: G. Polgar

## A.P.I.A.

4 (0)

Santoro 57 min., Sileoni 75 and 82 mins., Campana 85 min.

Taylor 4; Nuttall 3; Ackerley 4; Blue 4; Sambrook 3; Bottalico 4; Giacometti 3; (Campbell 3); Campana 4; Santoro 4; Sileoni 4; McKinnon 3.

TOTAL: 40

Coach: M. Mazzina

## Yugal

0 (0)

Ljubic 2; Nancinovic 4; Crnich 4; Clancy 3; Banicevic 4; Rafaneli 4; J. Alagich 4; Takac 2; Halpin 2; Edwards 3; Volar 2.

TOTAL: 34

Coach: F. Dunaj

## Melita E.

1 (0)

Mullan 84 min.

Eaton 4; Hunter 3; De Bruin 4; Cilia 4; Hewlett 5; Edwards 4; Nemet 2; Azzopardi 4; Mullan 3; Goldie 2; Kovacs 1.

TOTAL: 36

Coach: J. Vlasits

## Polonia

1 (0)

Swoboda 40 min.

Drewniak 4; Filok 3; Skiba 3; Calphy 3; Dzialach 4; Komoder 3; Povey 2; Minol 3; Kulak 2; Krawiarz 2; Swoboda 1 (injured).

TOTAL: 30

Coach: G. Azzopardi

## P. Hellenic

3 (2)

Westwater 9 min., Hignett 30 min., Karyannis 88 min.

Clarke 4; Johnston 3; Omeros 3; McCulloch 3; Cole 3; Westwater 4; Blitz 3; Smith 3; Patrinos 3; Karyannis 4; Hignett 2.

TOTAL: 35

Coach: W. Tamandl

## St. George

1 (0)

Cliss 80 min.

Hopkins 4; Wills 3; Hillary 4; Schaefer 3; Morgan 2; Zuckerman 3; Stegbauer 2; Rees 2 (Piggott 2); Fernandez 2; Cliss 4; Schauman 2.

TOTAL: 31

Coach: L. Hegyes

## Prague

3 (1)

G. Manuel 33 and 67 mins., Armytage 85 min.

Earl 3; Harcombe 4; Blacker 4; Zeman 3; Rootsey 4; Blanco 4; Gauto 4; G. Manuel 3; Scheinflug 4; Molnar 3; Armytage 4.

TOTAL: 40

Coach: J. Venglos

## Hakoah

3 (2)

Baartz 6 and 33 mins., Stewart 50 min.

Fuzes 4; Stewart 4; Hillsdon 3; Gardiner 3; Marnoch 4; Yaager 4; Edmunds 3; Fekete 3; Barnett 2; Baartz 4; Jones 4.

TOTAL: 38

Coach: D. Holden

## Sth. Coast

1 (1)

McGarry 62 min.

Ramage 2; Barnes 4; Cuthbert 4; Anderson 4; Carr 4; Davies 3; Kelly 4; McGarry 4; Tolson 3; Alston 3; Paterson 3 (Beattie 3).

TOTAL: 38

Coach: J. Kelly

### Match rating: \* \* \* \*

A surprisingly entertaining match with both teams playing open, attacking football. With more accurate shooting 10 goals could have fallen in this fast-moving match in which the ball travelled from one goal to the other. Manly had a slight edge in the first half, but after the interval Croatia were well on top though Manly mounted a few dangerous break-aways. Croatia fully deserved their two-goal win. They made good use of their wingers who saw plenty of the ball in the second half. Manly gave an improved display, but desperately need a goalscorer capable of converting their link-men's useful through balls. Croatia for once abandoned their negative, over-defensive tactics and were much more enjoyable to watch.

Crowd: 1,070.

Referee: L. Rae.

— LOU GAUTIER

### Match rating: \* \* \* \*

It took some clearly worded advice in the Scottish vernacular from Archie Blue, and adventuresome overlapping tactics by Stan Ackerley to shake APIA out of their earlier run-of-the mill attitude. Blue attacked, Bottalico and Campana covered, and lo, APIA controlled the centre-field. Santoro equalized, and performed a magnificent, if premature victory dance. Sileoni (2) and Campana (1) whipped in goals of the highest order, as if to confirm their fellow amigo's judgment, as well as their ability to rocket balls into the net. Canterbury played well enough in the first half, but they were by no means at the desired peak of fitness.

Crowd: 2,796.

Referee: N. Jones.

— KEITH GILMOUR

### Match rating: \* \*

A gallant display of anticipation and some breath-taking saves by an injured and visibly limping Terry Eaton gave Melita Eagles two valuable points. These were the only bright spots in a dull match. Right from the start the pattern of play was defensive, negative. Both defences handled the weak opposing forwards easily. Hewlett and youngster Tony Edwards — making his first grade debut for the Eagles, successfully clipped the wings of Joe Alagich while Halpin was well tamed by Joe Cilia. However, despite the win, Melita were lucky to collect both points.

Crowd: 1,338.

Referee: H. Parsons.

— CHARLES SPITERI

### Match rating: \* \* \*

For some 30 minutes, Pan Hellenic played excellent football, cleverly flicking the ball around and making many openings. With better finishing — or better luck — they could have led by four of five at the change-over. At this stage Polonia were completely outclassed and appeared set for a heavy defeat. Then Swoboda had to be carried off, injured — yet with 10 men Polonia strongly came back into the picture. They played well in midfield, but their slow, unfit forwards were no more dangerous than a girl's vigoro team. Pan Hellenic won, deservedly, though with a more aggressive second half they could have chalked up a run-away victory.

Crowd: 2,050.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

— PAUL DEAN

### Match rating: \* \* \* \*

The score flattered St. George. They were never in the match and gave a pathetic, spiritless display. Prague outclassed their opponents for most of the match with clever, methodical and crowd-pleasing soccer which would have yielded many more goals with better finishing. Individually and collectively Prague were so far ahead that the Saints positively looked like clumsy beginners in comparison. A five-goal Prague victory would have been a better reflection of a match which produced good football whenever Prague was in possession.

Crowd: 3,100.

Referee: K. Lockrey

— LOU GAUTIER

### Match rating: \* \* \* \*

Hakoah finally laid to rest the bogey South Coast have held over them in Sydney in recent seasons with a victory that was not as clear-cut as the scoreline suggests. There was little to choose between the two teams for most of the match, but two costly slip-ups by Ramage spelt doom to the visitors' chances. Ramage should have comfortably handled Baartz's first goal, a gentle lob over the latter's shoulder, and was equally at fault in allowing Stewart to score. Fuzes, on the other hand, played confidently and his reflex save from a shot by Alston was superb.

Crowd: 2,100.

Referee: J. Henkelman.

— ALAN SPEERS

**Bill Bicanic (acting coach):** "Our best display of the season. It was tough in the first half, but our forwards clicked at last after the interval. Croatia are now on the way back".

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**Denes Adrigan:** "We lost the game in the first half when our forwards missed incredible sitters. Croatia were the better team in the second half but we were handicapped by injuries to Campbell, Hughes and Jagger".

**Gyula Polgar:** "If the game lasted 60 minutes we would have won. We have some fine players, but have to learn the lesson of fitness. I don't blame Astill too much for the goals, he'll turn out to be a good acquisition soon".

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**Mike Mazzina:** "When our team really started to click in the second half you could see their ability. I believe that within the next two months the soccer public will be in for a treat".

**Ferdo Dunaj:** "I want to be left alone. I'm terribly disappointed".

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**Joe Vlasits:** "Our defence was outstanding and a couple of players were exceptionally good. My 4-2-4 system proved extremely effective against the Yugal attack".

**George Azzopardi:** "With 10 men we had no chance at all. I was pleased with the way we played in midfield but that's not enough unless you score, too".

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**Walter Tamandl:** "I'm glad we won — but in the second half we played badly. When Polonia were down to 10 men, Westwater and Johnston should have attacked more vigorously instead of marking the non-existent left winger".

**Laurie Hegyes:** "My players lacked spirit and had one of their worst games ever. Whether in attack or in defence, they were pathetic. Our defence was chicken-hearted and the forwards only had one shot at goal for the whole 90 minutes".

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**Joe Venglos:** "All eleven players performed well. It was our best display this season. I'm very pleased. Not only because we won, but because the team played spectacular football. This is just as important as winning".

**Doug Holden:** "A satisfactory performance, though we lost the initiative after the break. I was pleased with the way the team played in the first half, however, and you can't carp at 3-1 wins, can you?"

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**Jim Kelly:** "The only difference between the teams was at goal. Ramage had an off-day, but we lost nothing in comparison to Hakoah in most aspects of play, and the display proved we're on the way back".



# TWO ROUNDS COULD "MAKE" OR "BREAK" MANY TEAMS

— By LOU GAUTIER —

The addition of a full round on Anzac Day could make or break some First Division teams by Sunday night.

At the top of the ladder, the positions could change considerably what with the competition, leaders, Hakoah, meeting APIA on Thursday and the unbeaten Prague on Sunday.

Pan Hellenic, with a relatively "easy" match on Anzac Day and a trip to Hurstville to meet the out-of-form St. George, could

be the big beneficiary of these 72 hours of soccer.

The two rounds will also be vital to bottom-of-the-table Manly and Canterbury who must collect at least two points to face the future with any degree of optimism.

Our previews of the two rounds:

climb up the ladder on Thursday.

It might be too much to ask them to return with both points, knowing how United rises to the occasion at home, but they are certainly capable of tak-

ing on this pedestrian South Coast for a split of the points.

Both are solid in defence and prefer to attack from breakaways down the centre though they should try to open up and use their wings to better advantage.

## ROUND 5-6

### SAT.—SUNDAY

#### ANZAC DAY

##### Melita Eagles v. St. George

Melita Eagles go into Anzac Day's match with a two-point break over the ailing Saints who normally would be favored to deal with them comfortably.

The circumstances now are different, however, and despite the return of skipper John Warren, St. George must expect to have a very tough fight on their hands at Mona Park.



GOLDIE (Melita)

But St. George, due for a change of form, have the more individually talented players and could capitalise on Warren's return to clinch the two points they desperately need to keep in touch with the leaders.

##### P. Hellenic v. Yugal

Pan Hellenic, off to their best start ever, should continue in their winning vein at Wentworth Park.

Yugal's first round win over APIA was apparently a fluke because their last two performances left a lot to be desired.

Against the fast-moving, hard-tackling and free-scoring Pan Hellenic, Yugal should be in for a torrid afternoon and the best they can hope for, it seems, is a respectable defeat.

##### Manly v. Polonia

Polonia's bubble burst last week, but they should return to the winning list on Thursday despite the hazardous journey to Graham's Reserve.

Manly played better against Croatia, but their forwards' chronic lack of finish may again cause their downfall against a team whose forte is its experienced defence.

Despite their eagerness and will to please their home fans, Manly's chances

are slim and Polonia gets our nod to score a narrow victory which will keep them in the first half of the ladder.

##### Prague v. Canterbury

The gap in skill and method is such between these two teams that nothing short of a miracle will enable the ailing Berries to avoid a mammoth defeat at Marks Field.

Prague is one of the teams of the moment, a tag they richly deserve after their classy win last Sunday when they gave a first-class exhibition to outclass St. George.

The considerable talent at their disposal and the tactical skill of coach Venglos should give them an easy win.

##### APIA v. Hakoah

The match of the round should produce a feast of fine football and draw a large crowd to Lambert Park.

Both teams always turn on the fireworks when they clash and Anzac Day's vital match should be no exception.



ACKERLEY (APIA)

The convalescing APIA will have a big fight on their hands against the competition leaders, but at home they are quite capable of forcing, at least, a draw in what promises to be a close, exciting match.

##### South Coast v. Croatia

Croatia's new coach Bill Vrolyks has the arduous assignment of bringing at least one point back from Woonona.

Vic Reynolds' return at halfback and the improved form of their forwards last weekend suggests that Croatia may continue their

##### Canterbury v. Melita Eagles

It seems almost certain, that barring a spectacular reversal of form and fortunes, Canterbury will still be pointless on Saturday evening.

Melita Eagles' sound defence should see them through for a win at Arlington Oval where Gerry Hood will be their main danger.

Should Melita's attack get moving early and if their halves can get a firm grip of the midfield, they may even score their first convincing win of the season.

##### Yugal v. Manly

This weekend could really make or break Manly.

Polonia, their Anzac Day opponents, and Yugal are two teams against which they appear to have a chance, on paper at least.

If they can win four points in two days their future will look rosier. Two defeats, on the other hand, could already put paid to their hopes of avoiding instant relegation.

Yugal must also win at all costs and they seem better equipped to reach their goal.

##### St. George v. Pan Hellenic

For the sake of Saints' local district following, now attending Hurstville Oval in increasing numbers, it is hoped St. George can end their depressing run of shocking performances at home.

They will have to play at their peak to dispose of Pan Hellenic, who may well be the clear competition leaders, determined to hang on to their privileged position, by Sunday.

On current performances, unless the form of both teams goes haywire in the space of a week, Pan Hellenic should come back with the two points.

### Interstate match

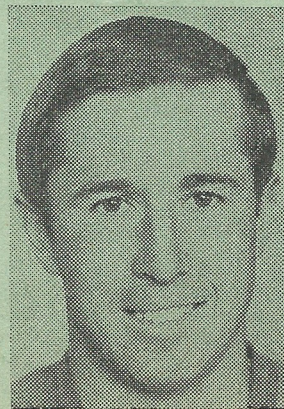
Victoria meets South Australia in a return interstate clash in Adelaide on Anzac Day.

Victoria won the first match, 5-3, in Melbourne last month.

The South Australian team is: Romanowicz; Heppenstall, Mill; West, Rusalen, Perin; Kolecki, Pantelis, Slaager, Birch, Meneghetti.

##### Polonia v. Croatia

If ever a match looked like ending in a draw, this is it.



REYNOLDS (Croatia)

There is very little between the two teams at this stage as both have the same strengths and weaknesses.

##### Hakoah v. Prague

The "old firm" of Sydney soccer will meet in the most attractive match of the round at Wentworth Park.

Despite Prague's exciting, budding class, Hakoah may still be too solid, though less attractive to watch.

Their more direct football and their sterner defence may carry the day.

##### South Coast v. APIA

Not so long ago this match would have packed Woonona Oval to the rafters.

Though the crowd may not exceed 4,500 spectators on Sunday, those present should get their money's worth.

The more fluent technique of APIA should enable them to get on top and come away from their country outing with two points firmly tucked under their belts.

## VITAL STATISTICS

##### Melita Eagles v. St. George 0-0-2

Two narrow wins for the Saints last year is their only record.

Les Schauman, the Saints' out-of-form star, is still idly waiting for his 100th championship goal.

while Croatia face their 50th defeat.

##### Canterbury v. Melita Eagles 0-1-1

Last year the then newly promoted Melita avoided defeat twice; this year they might find it easier to do the same.

##### Pan Hellenic v. Yugal 5-5-2

Pan Hellenic want to celebrate their coming 150th championship match with a win.

Yugal have a poor record here: their last win was in 1964.

##### Yugal v. Manly

First clash between this pair.

##### St. George v. Pan Hellenic 3-3-8

Not much comfort for St. George fans: in the last four championship matches the Saints didn't even score against Pan Hellenic!

As a home team, the Saints have lost four and drawn three out of their seven engagements — a totally dismal record.

##### Polonia v. Croatia 3-0-1

Polonia have held the upper hand in the past; in 1967 they won both encounters.

##### APIA v. Hakoah 12-3-7

The last time Hakoah won was in 1964 — but then it was a whacking 6-1.

At home, APIA are unbeaten since 1961.

##### Hakoah v. Prague 4-4-14

Only since 1966 have Hakoah started to put their record straight, with three wins out of four; before that their last win was in 1961.

Last year Hakoah had two narrow wins, 1-0 and 2-0 and once again it doesn't look like a lot of goals.

##### S. Coast v. Croatia 6-3-1

There hasn't been much success for Croatia at Woonona in the past where they lost three times and drew twice, scoring only one goal in five attempts.

South Coast will also play their 150th championship tie

#### CORRECTION

We erred in our Second Division report. Sutherland are also unbeaten after three rounds.

#### MELITA EAGLES

EATON  
HUNTER  
DE BRUIN  
CILIA  
HEWLETT  
EDWARDS  
NEMET  
AZZOPARDI  
MULLAN  
GOLDIE  
WOLOWCZYCYKOW

#### ST. GEORGE

HOPKINS  
WILLS  
HILLARY  
SCHAEFER  
MORGAN  
ZUCKERMAN  
STEGBAUER  
WARREN  
SCHAUMAN  
CLISS  
FERNANDEZ

#### PAN HELLENIC

CLARKE  
JOHNSTON  
OMEROS  
McCULLOCH  
COLE  
WESTWATER  
BLITZ  
KARYANNIS  
SMITH  
LARAMAN  
HIGNETT

#### YUGAL

LUJIC  
NACINOVIC  
CRNIC  
CLANCY  
BANICEVIC  
RAFANELI  
J. ALAGICH  
TAKAC  
HALPIN  
EDWARDS  
VOLAR

#### MANLY

TUINMAN  
McGRATH  
BROOKS  
VERRILLS  
CAMPBELL  
JAGGER  
HUGHES  
RIDDING  
G. JONES  
HARRIS  
WALLER

#### POLONIA

DREWNIAK  
FILOK  
SKIBA  
CALPHY  
DZIALACH  
KOMODER  
POVEY  
MINOL  
KULAK  
KRAWIARZ  
URBANIAK

#### PRAGUE

EARL  
HARCOMBE  
BLACKER  
ZEMAN  
ROOTSEY  
BLANCO  
GAUTO  
MANUEL  
SCHEINFLUG  
MOLNAR  
ARMYTAG

#### CANTERBURY

ASTILL  
WHITEHEAD  
RAEBURN  
GALBRAITH  
KONSTANTAKOPOULOS  
HARDY  
KAUZ  
HEWITT  
HOOD  
RINOS  
PAXINOS

#### APIA

TAYLOR  
NUTTALL  
ACKERLEY  
BLUE  
SAMBROOK  
BOTTALICO  
GIACOMETTI  
CAMPANA  
SANTORO  
SILEONI  
McKINNON

#### HAKOAH

FUZES  
STEWART  
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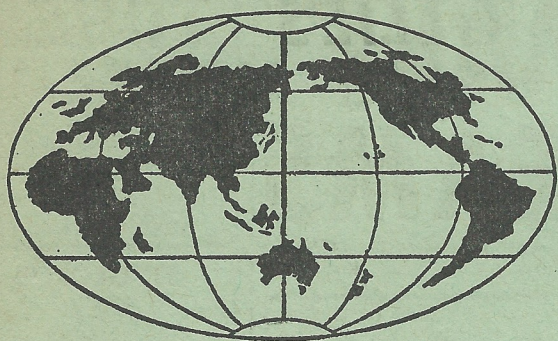
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BEATTIE  
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TOLSON  
ALSTON  
PATERSON

#### CROATIA

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SLOAN  
CURRY  
SHEPHERD  
REYNOLDS  
MARTIN  
PAGE  
WRIGHT  
GILES  
FRASER





## ROUND THE WORLD

### African Champions' Cup

The fourth African Champions' Cup is under way. The series started last week and will continue until mid-September when the final will be played on a home-and-away basis. A record number of teams — 20 — have entered the competition. Morocco, Somalia, Tanzania, Sierra Leone, Gambia and Nigeria are participating for the first time. FAR (Morocco) Englebert (Congo Kinshasa), Kotoko (Ghana) and Oryx Doula (Cameroon) are the early favorites in the absence of the Algerian champion, Belcourt, which forfeited.

### Brazil, Colombia Olympic qualifiers

The six-week long South American pre-Olympic tournament staged in Colombia is over. Brazil and Colombia topped their groups and have qualified for Mexico. In the final, which had no bearing, Brazil beat Colombia 3-0 in front of 45,000 spectators. The Colombians had never qualified for the Olympics before.

### Asian Youth Tournament

The 10th Asian Youth Tournament starts in Seoul, South Korea, next Thursday. The following countries are taking part; South Korea, Nationalist China, South Vietnam, Singapore, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Hong Kong, India, Thailand, Indonesia, Burma and Israel. South Korea, Burma and Israel are the favorites. The final will be played on May 16.

### Rappan Cup

The Rappan Cup, Europe's major summer competition, will include 18 clubs this year. They have been split into the following six groups: Group 1: Inter Milan, FC Nurnberg, Anderlecht; Group 2: Torino, Atletico Madrid, Ajax Amsterdam; Group 3: Rapid Vienna, Dukla Prague, Sporting Lisbon; Group 4: St. Etienne, Feyenoord, Standard Liege; Group 5: Espanol Barcelona, Austria Wien, Munchen 1860; Group 6: Lugano, ADO (The Hague, Holland), Marseille. Matches will be played in July and August. The final must take place before May 1969.

### Waterford wins in Ireland

Waterford have won Eire's First Division championship for the second time in three years. Waterford, an unfashionable club from the south-east of Ireland, however, were defeated by Shamrock Rovers in the Cup final last Saturday. Waterford will meet the Northern Irish champions, Linfield, in the first round of an all-Irish competition between northern and southern clubs, starting on May 2.



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It has now been officially confirmed that Pele will not tour Europe with the Brazilian national team in June. Pele's decision to decline selection will cost the Brazilian FA \$20,000. Without the crowd-pulling Pele, Brazil's match fee drops from \$12,000 to \$8,000. The Brazilians will play five matches on the Continent.

### American crowds up

Vancouver, coached by Puskas, and San Diego, whose coach is Englishman George Curtis, are the only unbeaten teams in the North American Professional League after three rounds. Atlanta, however, are drawing the biggest crowds and have averaged 11,236 spectators for their first two home matches. Crowds have picked up and the average per match has now climbed to 6,960 spectators despite bad weather over most of the United States since the start of the competition.

● The European Cupwinners' Cup has attracted 1,078,000 spectators up to the semifinals. In matches to date 199 goals have been scored.

● Eddie Firmani, now studying Helenio Herrera's coaching methods in Milan, may be appointed as Inter's assistant coach, under HH, next season.

● Bayern Hof, a leading West German regional club, wanted to engage the famous Austrian, Ocwirck, as coach next season. The West German FA, however, will only allow coaches with German coaching certificates. Ocwirck's coaching credentials are Italian and Austrian.

● Jimmy Greaves was presented with an oil portrait, picturing him in football gear, by the painter Joe Valencia as a memento for his 300th league goal.

● For the fourth time in five years, burglars broke into the clubhouse of last year's West German champions, Braunschweig. They stole cases of beer, dozens of cartons of cigarettes and a refrigerator.

● Las Palmas for the first time in their history will finish in the first four of the Spanish competition. As a reward, their coach Luis Molowny, the former Real Madrid forward, has been offered a new four-year contract which guarantees him \$12,000 a year.

● Hungary's manager Karoly Soos has lots of headaches before the European Championship match against Russia. Of his regular team Tamas, Kaposzta, Pancsics, Bene, Varga, Mathesz and Albert are all injured.

● The big annual tournament in Malaga, Spain, in August will include Real Madrid; Racing Buenos Aires, the Intercontinental Cup winners, Torino, and the home team.

● With two rounds to go in Spain, Real Madrid are already assured of yet another championship title. Whatever their European Cup semifinal result against Manchester United, Real will compete in their 14th European Cup next season.

● Torino have refused to release their French international centre-forward, Nestor Combin, for Wednesday's European Championship quarterfinal match in Belgrade between Yugoslavia and France.

● Europe's ruling soccer body, the UEFA, has barred Greece from taking part in European junior championships until 1970. In the recent series, held in France, the Greek juniors were involved in a fracas in each of their three matches: against France, Hungary and East Germany.

● Helenio Herrera was 52 years old last Tuesday week. He received some 550 gifts from friends and admirers all over the world. From his Inter Milan players he got mini-sized soccer boots — in pure gold.

● Former Hungarian international and Vasas coach Lajos Cordan died in Budapest at 36.

● A former Wuppertal player who now coaches Rot-Weiss Essen, Eric Rubbeck, will replace Elek Schwartz as Eintracht Frankfurt's coach next season. At 33, Ribbeck will be the youngest Bundesliga coach.

● The semifinals of the Fair Cities' Cup (Ferencvaros v. Bologna and Dundee v. Leeds) must be completed by May 10.

● Otto Gloria, the Brazilian, leaves Atletico Madrid in three weeks to coach the Portuguese national team. Gloria is well up to date with Portuguese soccer as he coached Benfica for two years.

● The new-look Parc des Princes Stadium in Paris, which will have a 60,000 capacity, will be ready in September 1970. Work started this week and will cost about \$3,500,000.

● The semifinals of the South American Champions' Cup will oppose Palmeiras (Brazil) to Penarol (Uruguay) and Estudiantes (Argentina) to Racing Buenos Aires (Argentina).

● Former great Yugoslav star Veselinovic has returned home after years of stay abroad and has joined Proleter.

● Albert Sing, now coach of West German TSV 1860 Munchen, has been invited to become a coach of the German Association (DFB).

● Ten thousand visitors have booked tickets from abroad for the Hungary v. Russia match on May 5 in Budapest.

### Bulgaria's Olympic chance

Bulgaria have virtually eliminated East Germany from the Olympics. The Bulgarians won the first leg of their qualifying tie 4-1 at Stara Zagora. The return match will be played at Dresden this weekend. Bulgaria's best-ever Olympic effort was in Melbourne in 1956 when they won the bronze medal.

### Scots score most

The Scottish First Division competition has yielded the most goals in Europe since 1965 and Italy's the least. These statistics are provided in a recent survey made by the Swedish weekly, "Kvaells-Posten." The Scots averaged 3.5 goals per match. Then come West Germany 3.3; England 3, Austria, Bulgaria 3.1; Switzerland 3; Portugal, Czechoslovakia 2.9; Belgium Greece, Holland, Yugoslavia, Spain, East Germany 2.8; Hungary 2.7; Rumania, France 2.5; Poland, Turkey 2.4 and Italy tails the field with 2.1 goals.

### "Players bribed" — Preussen president

The president of Preussen Munster, Josef Overmann, caused a sensation last month when he told the West German soccer weekly, "Kicker," that his team wouldn't have been relegated in 1964 if some of his players hadn't been bought. Overmann claims that a Hertha Berlin official paid five of his players, including centre-forward Rummel, \$1,000 to lose the vital match which decided which of the two clubs would be relegated Hertha Berlin officials, surprisingly, haven't reacted to these allegations. Preussen Munster toured Australia in 1964, but didn't play in Sydney.

### Czechs are European champions

Czechoslovakia, coached by Vladimir Mirka, Cambodia's national coach when Australia played there in 1965, has won the European Junior Championship. The Czechs beat France 2-1 in the final played at Cannes, on the French Riviera. In the semifinals, Czechoslovakia beat Portugal 3-1 and France defeated Bulgaria 3-1. Portugal beat Bulgaria 4-2 for third place. Russia, last year's European junior champions, were only third in their group and England, finalists in 1967 and the winners in 1965 and 1966, second in the group won by Bulgaria.

## SCOREBOARD

**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP:** Italy v. Bulgaria 2-0 (Italy qualifies for semifinals).

**BELGIUM:** Malines v. FC Bruges 0-2; FC Liege v. Lierse 2-0; Racing White v. Anderlecht 1-1; Antwerp v. Waregem 3-1; Beveren Waas v. Beerschot 3-2; Daring v. Standard Liege 0-4; Beringen v. Charleroi SC 1-2; Olympic Charleroi v. St. Trond 1-3.

**HOLLAND:** GVAV v. Volendam 3-0; DWS v. Feyenoord 1-2; Sittardia v. DOS 4-2; MVV v. Telstar 3-2; Twente v. Go Ahead 5-2; PSV v. ADO 1-1; Xerxes v. Fortuna Geelen 5-0; Sparta v. NAC 2-1; NEC v. Ajax 0-2.

**HUNGARY:** Ujpest v. Honved 2-1; Egyetertes v. Vasas 2-4; Ferencvaros v. Videoton 1-0; Tatabanya v. Csepel 0-0; Salgotarjan v. MTK 0-0; Gyor v. Dunaujvaros 3-1; Szombathely v. Pecs 2-2; Szeged v. Diosgyor 3-3. **Table:** Vasas 14; Honved 12; Ujpest, Ferencvaros, Szeged 10; Csepel 9.

**POLAND:** Szombierki v. Odra 2-1; Katowice v. Polonia Bytom 0-2; Zaglebie v. Ruch 0-2; Slask v. Gornik Zabrze 0-2. Other matches postponed.

**PORTUGAL:** Academica v. Benfica 1-1; Sporting v. Barreirense 3-0; Porto v. Guimaraes 3-0; CUF v. Belenenses 0-0; Tirense v. Leixoes 0-1; Braga v. Varzim 1-0; Sanjoanense v. Setubal 0-0.

**SPAIN:** Pontevedra v. Malaga 1-0; Elche v. Real Sociedad 5-0; Sabadell v. Espanol 2-1; Betis v. Bilbao 0-3; Barcelona v. Sevilla 3-0; Cordoba v. Zaragoza 1-0; Real Madrid v. Las Palmas 2-1; Valencia v. Atletico Madrid 3-1.

**SWITZERLAND:** Basel v. FC Zurich 1-2; Grasshoppers v. Biel 4-1; Grenchen v. Young Fellows 0-0; Lugano v. Sion 2-2; Lucerne v. Lausanne 1-4; Servette Geneva v. Chaux-de-Fonds 4-1; Young Boys v. Bellinzona 2-3.

**WEST GERMANY:** Braunschweig v. Neunkirchen 4-2; Werder Bremen v. Hannover 96 1-0; Moenchengladbach v. Hamburger SV 4-1; FC Nurnberg v. MSV 4-1; FC Koln v. Eintracht Frankfurt 5-1; Munchen 1860 v. Karlsruhe SC 3-0; Schalke 04 v. Borussia Dortmund 1-0; VfB Stuttgart v. Bayern Munchen 3-0; Kaiserslautern v. Alemannia Aachen 1-0.

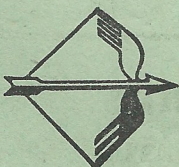
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# G. CROSS REVIVAL IS REWARD FOR POLICY

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

The remarkable start by George Cross in the State League after having undergone two really lean seasons is all the more amazing when one considers they are without the services of Archie Campbell their star right winger, Tommy McPherson an ace at wing half and the steady and dependable John McDaid at left back.

Three players who played in their Australia Cup win of 1964 and a trio who have for several years been acknowledged in the top flight of Victorian soccer.

All three are on the transfer list at their own request after being in dispute with the club on money matters.

With Campbell still only 27, McPherson 26 and McDaid 25, it is all the more remarkable that at the time of going to press not one single offer has been made for any of the three.

Campbell who three years ago was wanted by APIA but refused to move to Sydney, is listed at \$6,000; wing-half McPherson has a \$2,400 tag against his name and

while no fee has been as yet set aside for McDaid, it is on the cards the club will want somewhere around the \$2,000 mark.

Unless a reconciliation is effected between the club and players, the transfer fees for all three will tumble.

George Cross made it clear at the start of the season that they were keen to enforce a "get tough attitude" with players who demanded more than the generous terms offered.

At the same time they made it crystal clear that those who dissented would have their wishes acceded to and be placed on the club's transfer list.

## ADAM GOES HOME

In a month's time Jim Adam, the former South Melbourne Hellas left-winger who played for Victoria and Australia, will be returning to England where he spent 12 years as a first team player with Luton Town, Aston Villa and Stoke City.

Four years in Australia, a recurring leg injury forced him to quit the game as a player and he turned his attentions to being a coach.

He had immediate success in this field when he joined Melbourne and took them into fourth place on the State League ladder in 1966

and he coached them through to the semifinals of the Australia Cup the same year when they lost to APIA.

In early 1967 he changed clubs and took control of Croatia.

He again brought success to his new club who finished in the "four" for the first time.

Still only 37, Adam is fit and dedicated, and his reason for returning to England is mainly to get experience with a full professional side and also the opportunity of studying the finer aspects of the game as well as taking the full FA coaching certificate.

It's highly probable that once Adam gains the coaching certificates he has set his heart on he will return to Australia where he would have much to offer the game.

## KILLIES' TOUR BEING MOOTED

— From ALLAN CRISP —

A Victorian syndicate is attempting to arrange an Australian tour by Scottish club Kilmarnock.

ASF and Victorian official, John Barclay said during a recent Adelaide visit that Kilmarnock could be in Australia at the end of next month.

If the tour eventuates, South Australia will have a Kilmarnock shareholder and former manager in Alex Hastings to help press for an Adelaide game.

Hastings, now an SA selector and chairman of the SA Federation of coaches, was manager of Kilmarnock from 1948-51.

He migrated to Adelaide four years ago.

A former Scottish international and English league player with Sunderland, he passed over the Kilmarnock manager's post to the present manager, Malcolm McDonald, who is a former Celtic player.

Kilmarnock, with their tour experience on the European and American circuits during Britain's close season, could be as great a success here as were Hearts of Midlothian.

## WITH THE AMATEURS

## "Big Three" in easy First Division wins

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Wentworthville, South Sydney and Artarmon have emerged as the early First Division amateur leaders.

All three clubs recorded runaway wins last weekend.

South Sydney had an easy 4-1 win over Ryde, who obviously will need an influx of players to hold their first division position.

For the winners, John Woodyard scored twice.

Inside-right Eric Grace was most constructive in his outfield play, and added a goal as well.

Souths' defence was not tested in the second half.

Marrickville and Blacktown are probably the other main contenders for the First Division crown.

Blacktown had the better of the encounter at Francis Park last Sunday winning 4-2, and the game rose to an exciting climax.

From 2-2, Blacktown scored two breakaway goals, and Marrickville forced corner after corner without forcing Blacktown to submit.

Blacktown's home fans classed the game as equivalent to some of the best Federation Second Division matches they had seen.

Eastside-MTK found their missing shooting boots, and downed Lidcombe 2-0.

After an early goal from John Karsay they were on top.

In spite of losing Iko Basil due to injury, they gained another goal through Stephen Feher.

Thistle led 1-0 at half-time against Concordia.

In the second half they

rattled on another three goals to outclass their opponents.

Thistle's scorers were Miller (2), Cummings and Murray.

In the Third Division game at Bankstown Oval, Revesby Workers had the better of Smithfield by 7 goals to 3.

Smithfield's R. Fuz celebrated becoming a father on Friday by scoring two goals on Saturday and winger N. Jones scored their other goal.

## LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION	
Sth. Sydney v. Ryde	4-1 14-2
NSW Uni. v. Artarmon	0-7 1-7
Thistle v. Concordia	4-1 5-3
Went v. Belmore	5-0 1-0
Blacktown v. Marrickville	4-2 2-3
Eastside-MTK v. Lidcombe	2-0 4-2

SECOND DIVISION	
Sydney Uni. v. Warringah	1-1 0-2
Gymea v. St. Marys	5-6 2-3
Yagoona v. Kewpies	1-0 1-0
Riverside v. Guildford	0-4 2-3
Enmore v. Auburn	5-2 6-2
Penrith v. Arncliffe	1-3 1-11

THIRD DIVISION	
Revesby v. Smithfield	7-3 2-0
Greenacre v. G'ville-H'by	3-5 0-3
Dee Why v. Condell Pk.	2-2 7-1
West Ryde v. Rovers	3-3 2-3

FOURTH DIVISION	
Ku-ring-gai v. Chelsea	6-0 6-1
Prospect v. Newtown	1-1 0-2
P'stow Pk. v. B'vly Hills	4-4 4-1
Maroubra v. C'town	0-2 3-6
Cent. Utd. v. L'pool E.	2-5 2-4

## THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

First Division: Artarmon v. Belmore — Artarmon Oval, South Sydney v. Marrickville — Booralee Park, Concordia v. NSW Uni. — Steel Park.

Second Division: Sydney University v. Auburn Juniors — St. Paul's Oval.

Third Division: Fairfield-Kiev v. All Stars — Knight's Park.

Fourth Division: Chelsea v. Padstow Park — Moore Park, Prospect v. Ku-ring-gai — Jardine Park.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

First Division: Eastside-MTK v. Ryde — Moore Park, Went v. Blacktown — Jones Park, Thistle v. Lidcombe — Bankstown Soccer Centre.

Second Division: Penrith v. St. Marys — Jamison Park, Enmore v. Kewpies — Mackey Park, Gymea v. Riverside — Grays Point, Yagoona v. Guildford — O'Neil Park, Warringah Saints v. Arncliffe Scots — Dee Why Oval.

Third Division: West Ryde v. Gladesville-Hornsby — Meadowbank No. 3, Greenacre v. Dee Why — Allum Park, Revesby Workers v. Condell Park — Armour Park.

Fourth Division: Beverly Hills v. Maroubra — Beverly Hills Oval, Campbelltown v. Central United — Campbelltown Showground, Newtown v. Liverpool Eagles — Outer Wentworth Park.

## FIASCO LIKELY IN AUST. CUP

From BOB LOW in Melbourne

Will the hastily got together 1968 Australia Cup turn into a fiasco?

That's the question in the minds of many in Melbourne after the poor response to the Hakoah v. Launceston United game attended by a mere 600 fans and the latest episode concerning the postponement of the Croatia (Vic.) v. Juventus (SA) game originally scheduled for Olympic Park last Wednesday night.

Few will agree that any real planning or deep thought has gone into the arrangements for this season's national competition which is supposed to be a money-spinner and provide the chance for the smaller clubs as well as the top dogs to fill their coffers.

To play the Australia Cup mid-week at this time of the season and especially with part-time players having to get off work and travel some 500 miles in the process is almost tantamount to committing suicide.

Anomalies are bound to happen under any arrangement with the fixtures and especially in the preliminary or qualifying rounds.

If the present trend of the competition continues few clubs will have much hope of making any money.

And without any firm and official press releases on the competition fixtures and venues the depleted crowds have faint hope of increasing.

## U-18 Qld. tour

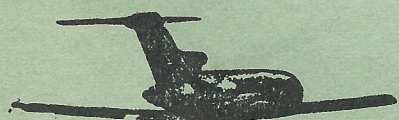
The Queensland under-18 State team, now touring NSW, will play against Southern NSW at Memorial Park, Corrimal, on Anzac Day.

On Saturday the visitors meet the full NSW team at the Bankstown Soccer Centre at 3 p.m.

The next day the same two teams clash again at Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda, at 2 p.m.

The Queenslanders played in Armidale, Tamworth and Newcastle before their first Sydney match against a local Metropolitan XI at Seymour Shaw Park yesterday, Wednesday April 24.

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## Sydney Juniors

The Metropolitan Junior championships continue to provide good, interesting football from Sydney's most talented youngsters.

Highlight of last weekend's round was Nepean's Under-14 win over Canterbury.

Last week's results:  
Under-16: Norths v. Bankstown 4-2; Sth. Districts v. Canterbury 5-0; Sutherland v. Gladesville 5-3; Wests v. Manly 3-1; St. George v. Ku-ring-gai 5-2.

Under-15: Bankstown v. Granville 5-2; Easts v. Nepean 4-0; Gladesville v. Sutherland 7-0; Wests v. Manly 1-1; St. George v. Ku-ring-gai 3-1.

Under-14: Bankstown v. Granville 7-1; Nepean v. Canterbury 2-0; Sutherland v. Gladesville 4-2; Manly v. Wests 3-0; St. George v. Ku-ring-gai 4-1.

The tables now read:

UNDER-16 DIVISION	
Sth. Districts	2 1 — 9 0 5
Norths	2 1 — 5 2 5
Wests	2 — — 7 1 4
Bankstown	2 — — 1 0 5 4
St. George	2 — — 1 10 8 4
Canterbury	1 — — 1 8 5 2
Gladesville	1 — — 2 7 9 2
Sutherland	1 — — 2 6 8 0
Ku-ring-gai	— — — 3 2 12 0
Manly	— — — 3 1 15 0

UNDER-15 DIVISION	
Gladesville	3 — — 12 2 6
Bankstown	3 — — 13 3 6
Wests	2 1 — 8 3 5
St. George	2 — — 1 10 4 0
Easts	1 1 1 7 6 3
Manly	— 2 1 4 5 2
Granville	— 1 — 2 5 8 2
Sutherland	1 — — 2 5 11 2
Ku-ring-gai	— — — 3 1 7 0
Nepean	— — — 3 1 9 0

UNDER-14 DIVISION	
Bankstown	3 — — 22 1 6
Sutherland	3 — — 15 4 6
Manly	2 — — 1 8 5 4
Gladesville	1 — — 2 6 7 2
Canterbury	1 — — 1 3 4 2
Nepean	1 — — 2 4 6 2
St. George	1 — — 2 6 12 2
Granville	1 — — 2 5 14 2
Wests	1 — — 1 1 3 2
Ku-ring-gai	— — — 3 1 14 0

Saturday U-16 draw:

Sutherland v. Canterbury (Seymour Shaw Park); Manly v. Ku-ring-gai (Graham Reserve); Bankstown v. Gladesville (Bankstown); St. George v. Norths (Scarborough Park); Sth. Districts v. Wests (Hartley Park)\*.

All at 3 p.m. except when marked with asterisk, which is at 1.45 p.m.

## ADELAIDE RESULTS

WA Hellas v. Cumberland 4-0 (1-0). Goals: Batchelor 2, Byrne, Pantelis (penalty).  
Croatia v. Juventus 0-1 (0-0). Goals: Serafini.  
Polonia v. Elizabeth 3-0 (0-0). Goals: Mielnik, Marciniak, Typek.  
Enfield-Victoria v. Austria 2-0 (0-0). Goals: Kieboom, Wright.  
Beograd v. USC Lion 1-1 (1-0). Goals: Besir for Beograd; Lovell for Lion.

## S.A. TABLE

Hellas	1 — — 4 0 2
Polonia	1 — — 3 0 2
Victoria	1 — — 2 0 2
Juventus	1 — — 1 0 2
Beograd	— 1 — 1 1 1
Lion	— 1 — 1 1 1
Croatia	— — 1 0 1 0
Austria	— — 1 0 2 0
Elizabeth	— — 1 0 3 0
Cumberland	— — 1 0 4 0

## S.A. PROGRAM

Juventus v. Enfield-Victoria — Olympic Sports Field. Referee: Bill Hosie.  
Cumberland v. Beograd — Bailey Reserve. Referee: Dennis Grant.  
Elizabeth City v. WA Hellas — Ramsay Park. Referee: Mick O'Malley.  
Austria v. Polonia — Croydon Park. Referee: John Spiers.  
USC Lion v. Croatia — Hindmarsh Stadium. Referee: Ken Candy.

## VICTORIAN RESULTS

Hakoah 2 (Armstrong, Purdie) v. Lions 0.  
Wilhelmina v. Slavia 0-0.  
George Cross 2 (Hodgson, Armour) v. Alexander 2 (Mitzias, Michaelides).  
Polonia 1 (Gadjia) v. Melbourne-HSC 1 (Abonyi).  
Croatia 1 (Rau) v. JUST 0.  
Juventus 2 (Di Marchi, Norman) v. SM-Hellas 2 (Pyrgiolis, Kamboropoulos).

## VIC. TABLE

Hakoah	3 — — 9 1 6
George Cross	1 2 — 6 4 4
Slavia	1 2 — 3 2 4
Melbourne	1 2 — 4 3 4
Wilhelmina	1 1 1 7 3 3
Polonia	— 3 — 1 1 3
Croatia	1 1 1 2 2 3
SM-Hellas	1 1 1 4 5 3
Alexander	— 2 1 4 8 2
Juventus	— 2 1 3 8 2
Lions	— 1 2 1 4 1
JUST	— 1 2 1 4 1

## Melbourne program

SATURDAY

Alexander v. Wilhelmina — Olympic Park  
JUST v. George Cross — Schintler Reserve  
SM-Hellas v. Polonia — Middle Park

SUNDAY

Lions v. Croatia — Marybong  
Slavia v. Juventus — Olympic Park  
Melbourne v. Hakoah — St. Kilda Oval

## INTERSTATE SCORES

### South Australia

First Division: Croatia v. Juventus 0-1, Victoria v. Austria 2-0, Polonia v. Elizabeth 3-0, Hellas v. Cumberland 4-0, Beograd v. Lion 1-1.  
Second Division: Campbelltown v. Azzurri 2-1, Para Hills v. Birakalla 3-1, Sturt v. Don 1-0, Port Adelaide v. Malta 0-0, Budapest v. Windsor 8-1.

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Kiev v. Cottesloe 2-0, Swan Valley v. Swan Athletic 3-1, Olympic v. Cracovia 0-2, Azzurri v. Athena 2-2, Tricolore v. Windmills 2-1.

### A.C.T.

Juventus v. Croatia 3-1, Burns v. Monaro 1-5, Cooma v. Concordia 0-2, Olympic v. Queanbeyan -Makedonia 3-1.

### QUEENSLAND

Coalstars v. Thistle 1-6, Polonia v. Oxley 0-2, Merton v. Latrobe 2-0, Azzurri v. Hellenic 3-1, Hollandia v. St. Helens 2-2.

### TASMANIA

South: Juventus v. Croatia 2-2, South Hobart v. Rapid 4-4, University v. Calies 0-5, Olympia v. Eagles 2-0.

North: Devonport v. Spartans 3-3, Rovers v. Ulverstone 1-6.



## Competition Tables

### FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	3	—	—	11	1	6
Prague	3	—	—	14	3	6
Croatia	2	1	—	4	1	5
SCU	2	—	1	10	6	4
Melita Eagles	2	—	1	8	5	4
Hakoah	1	1	1	5	3	3
St. George	1	—	2	5	6	2
Polonia	1	—	2	8	11	2
Manly	1	—	2	5	8	2
Yugal	1	—	2	3	9	2
Pan Hellenic	—	—	3	3	9	—
Canterbury	—	—	3	3	15	—

### GRADE III.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Pan Hellenic	3	—	—	5	0	6
St. George	3	—	—	5	2	6
Canterbury	2	1	—	6	3	5
Croatia	2	—	1	7	4	4
Prague	2	—	1	7	4	4
Melita Eagles	1	1	1	8	7	3
Yugal	1	1	1	5	6	3
Hakoah	1	—	2	5	6	2
Manly	1	—	2	5	8	2
SCU	—	1	2	4	6	1
APIA	—	—	3	2	6	—
Polonia	—	—	3	3	10	—

### SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Auburn	2	1	—	7	2	5
Bankstown	2	1	—	6	3	5
Sutherland	2	1	—	7	4	5
Granville	2	—	1	6	3	4
Western Subs.	2	—	1	9	7	4
Corinthians	2	—	1	4	4	4
Marconi	1	1	1	4	3	3
NS-Inter	1	1	1	5	4	3
N. Bankstown	1	—	2	4	10	2
Balgownie	—	1	2	3	5	1
Hornsby-NE	—	—	3	5	9	—
Lane Cove	—	—	3	2	8	—

### GRADE II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	3	—	—	17	2	6
Western Subs.	2	1	—	11	2	5
Marconi	2	1	—	4	2	5
Hornsby-NE	2	—	1	5	2	4
Sutherland	2	—	1	15	8	4
Balgownie	2	—	1	10	7	4
Auburn	1	2	—	5	4	4
Granville	1	—	2	5	17	2
Corinthians	—	1	2	2	5	1
NS-Inter	—	1	2	5	12	1
N. Bankstown	—	—	3	4	8	—
Lane Cove	—	—	3	1	15	—

### GRADE III.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Subs.	3	—	—	12	1	6
Bankstown	3	—	—	9	1	6
Sutherland	2	1	—	15	4	5
N. Bankstown	2	1	—	8	3	5
NS-Inter	1	1	1	11	6	3
Granville	1	1	1	6	5	3
Auburn	1	—	2	7	8	2
Hornsby-NE	1	—	2	5	6	2
Balgownie	1	—	2	5	8	2
Lane Cove	1	—	2	3	14	2
Marconi	—	—	3	1	11	—
Corinthians	—	—	3	1	16	—

### INTER-SUBURBAN

#### FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wentley	4	—	—	14	3	8
Artarmon	3	1	—	14	4	7
St. Sydney	3	1	—	7	2	7
Blacktown	2	—	2	10	9	4
Marrickville	1	1	1	6	6	3
Eastside-MTK	1	1	1	6	7	3
Lidcombe	1	1	2	6	8	3
Belmore	1	1	2	2	9	3
Thistle	1	—	1	6	3	2
Uni. NSW	—	1	3	6	14	2
Concordia	—	1	3	5	11	1
Ryde	—	1	3	2	9	1

#### SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Warringah	2	2	—	14	4	6
Guildford	3	—	1	14	7	6
Enmore	2	1	—	10	4	5
Yagoona	2	—	2	3	1	4
Kewpies	2	—	2	9	7	4
Arncliffe Scots	2	—	1	5	4	4
St. Marys	2	—	1	14	13	4
Riverside	2	—	2	9	9	4
Auburn	1	—	3	7	13	2
Sydney Uni.	—	2	1	4	7	2
Penrith	—	1	3	7	17	1
Gymea	—	—	4	7	17	—

#### THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Condell Park	2	2	—	16	8	6
Revesby	3	—	1	15	11	6
Rovers	2	1	—	18	6	5
G'ville-H'by	2	1	1	11	8	5
Dee Why	1	2	1	8	7	4
West Ryde	—	2	1	7	8	2
All Stars	1	—	2	7	10	2
Greenacre	1	—	2	8	17	2
Smithfield	—	1	3	10	18	1
F'field-Kiev	—	1	1	2	9	1

#### FOURTH DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Campbelltown	2	—	1	5	1	4
L'pool Eagles	2	—	1	10	2	4
Beverly Hills	1	1	—	8	6	3
Ku-ring-gai	1	—	1	8	4	2
Newtown	—	1	1	1	1	1
Prospect	—	1	1	1	1	1
Padstow Pk.	—	1	1	5	7	1
Central Utd.	—	1	2	5	—	—
Chelsea	—	—	1	6	—	—
Maroubra	—	—	1	7	—	—

## LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

#### FIRST DIVISION

Yugal v. Melita Eagles	2-1	2-2
Croatia v. Manly	2-1	5-2
Polonia v. Pan Hellenic	4-1	0-2
Hakoah v. SCU	0-2	3-2
Canterbury v. APIA	0-5	2-0
St. George v. Prague	1-4	2-1

#### SECOND DIVISION

Auburn v. Wests	3-2	2-2	1-5
Hornsby v. Corinth.	1-2	2-1	4-0
NS-Inter v. B'town	1-2	0-2	0-2
N. B'town v. Marconi	3-1	1-2	4-0
Balgownie v. G'ville	0-1	6-1	1-4
L. Cove v. S'land	1-2	1-6	0-8

## SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

# BANKSTOWN AND AUBURN LEADING

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Only Auburn and Bankstown emerged unbeaten after the third round, both winning hard tussles with only minutes to spare.

Other highlights of the weekend were the great win by North Bankstown over Marconi, and the big-hearted display by Lane Cove against Sutherland.

### Auburn v. Wests 3-2

Auburn's better balanced and more effective combination deserved its victory over Western Suburbs.

Despite the narrow win, Auburn exposed some glaring weaknesses in the Western Suburbs side.

Auburn took the lead early but Wests equalised before half-time and soon after the resumption Wests' goalie Hourigan saved a penalty by O'Neill.

Wests hit the front with a goal by Holmes but this was short-lived because soon after Entwistle equalised for Auburn and Allan sealed the result with a goal 18 minutes from the end.

### North Bankstown v. Marconi 3-1

In a fast game, the home side made a purposeful and determined effort, playing their best football so far this season.

Coach Bob Madden turned out for North Bankstown at left fullback and had very little trouble against the younger Marconi forwards.

### Balgownie v. Granville 1-1

Granville were on top in the first half and took the lead through a penalty scored by Alan Pendleton.

In the last 30 minutes, Balgownie gained the upper hand and, with the pressure on, capitalised on a defensive mistake to equalise.

Granville: Spakes; Falzon, Pendleton (1); Dean, Staunton, Burtenshaw; Dupont, Baaks, J. Williams, Tamandl (Shepherd), H. Williams.

### NS-Inter v. Bankstown 1-2

Despite having the lion's share of the ball, Bankstown found it hard to penetrate the solid North Sydney defence.

Bamforth put Bankstown in the lead just before half-time but Inter fought back and equalised soon after when Hicks picked up a loose back-pass to the goal-keeper.

With only a few minutes remaining, Bamforth broke through again to score the winning goal.

Bankstown: Friedl; G. Jamieson, Fitzgerald; McDermott, White, Turnbull; Madden, J. Jamieson, Bamforth (2), Tansley, Clarke.

NS-Inter: Markulin; Roberts, Abbattista; Impelizzeri, Waud, Smith; Monno, Spresian, Hicks (1), Gillespie, Colletto.

### Lane Cove v. Sutherland 1-2

Lane Cove United nearly sprung the biggest surprise of the season when with 10 minutes to go they led 1-0.

The winning goal for Sutherland was scored by a Lane Cove defender who deflected the ball in his own net.

Nadj scored the first goal to give Lane Cove the lead midway into the first half, but Sutherland equalised later in the first half through a good goal by Roche.

Under pressure in the last few minutes, a lightning pass by halfback Griffiths was nicked into the net by Lane Cove halfback Cooper.

Lane Cove: Giannini; Carter, Gamble; Combe, Aird, Cooper (o.g.), Cross, Coutts, Thomas, Nadj (1), Mitchell.

### THIS WEEK

With Auburn and Bankstown locked together at the top of the table, the two rounds this week are of particular interest.

Auburn seem to have the hardest draw, playing Sutherland at Miranda on Thursday and Corinthians at Mona Park on Sunday.

On form, Auburn hold the edge in both matches and can't afford a slip.

Bankstown should win their games against Hornsby-North End and Lane Cove, both of whom have yet to score a point.

In other matches Wests meet North Bankstown on Thursday and then play Marconi at Marconi Oval — two tough matches with ground disadvantage.

Granville also have a hard draw this week and on Thursday must produce their best football to beat Marconi at Marconi Oval while on Sunday they clash with the rugged newcomers North Sydney-Inter.

Balgownie have two "away" games this week, but on form may collect the four points against North Sydney Inter and Hornsby-North End.

# Sydney second, third grades

### SECOND GRADE

Yugal 2: Petrou; Glenday, Jovoski; Kresinger, Lang, Srdar; Vesich, M. Alagich, Kosanic (1), Milakovic (1), Tomic.

Melita Eagles 1: Gray (Spiteri); Robinson, Smith; A. Arrighi, Brennan, Duffy; Qusted (1), R. Arrighi, Price, Black, Wollowoczykow.

Referee: E. Truppe.

Croatia 2: Easter; Clarke, Bonazza; Stuart, Brian (1), Woods; J. Yaager, Stuart, Shaw, Frakes (1), Longmuir.

Manly 1: Dart; Hobart, Freeman; Speed, Hutchison, Langelaar; Nutt, Reynold, Parker, Gallacher (1), Lovett.

Referee: F. Johns.

Canterbury 0: Lindsay; Katsanos, Akers (o.g.); Bonds, A. Gordon, Constable; Gordon, Gihnakaros, Woods, Massi, Como.

APIA 5: McQuire; Van Blerk, Parkin; Hughes, Dilonardo, Tedesco; Keddle (2), Gray, Dickinson (1), Bregante, Burnett (1).

Referee: T. Davies.

St. George 1: Ball; Giovanni, Adams; McCue, Taylor, Bushby (1); Burton, Harris, Galambos, Piggott, Mansfield.

Prague 4: Cook; Loveday, Parkhouse; Hill, Tracey, Lising (1); Thorne, R. Manuel (1), Willcox (1), Lowry, Minner (1).

Referee: T. Scott.

Polonia 4: Frazer; Fryar, Tomaszewski (1); Tarver, Mellish, Adamson; Hanley (1), Bell, McAllister (2), Bazak, Urbaniak.

Pan Hellenic 1: McLowry; Walker, Stevenson; Smith, Mallard, Petrou (1); Demos, Vrolyks, Bardetta, Byles, Howard.

Referee: L. Smit.

Hakoah 0: Wilson; Edwards, Jeffrey; Migliaccio, Brown, Round; Lakmaker, Reichard, Harivel, Keddle, Holleman.

South Coast 2: Nuell; Kerr, Ringland (1); Strachan, Grant, Harrison; Tolhurst, Baird, Mulqueeny (1), Freeme, Griffiths.

Referee: E. Cook.

### THIRD GRADE

Yugal 2: Goufas; Hardin, Kelly; Abercrombie, O'Laughlin, Kipich; Apostolovski (1), Lissing, Willey (1), Nelson, Thompson.

Melita Eagles 2: Gruchot; Wynn, Mapledoran; Pondekos, Miranda, Pastor; McCann, Wingfield (1), McDougal (1), Stafford, Despotov.

Referee: T. O'Reilly.

Croatia 5: Mumford; Costello, Sanders; Low, Thomson, Slater (1); Sambrook (2), Carr, Barboutis, McInerney (2), Ross.

Manly 2: Ryall; Doe, Bird; Heazlett, Wilson, Burns; Llewellyn (1), Grant, Woods, Bayliss (1), Slade.

Referee: A. Harbridge.

Canterbury 2: Collins; Eldridge, Carstairs; Lazeric, Domenici, Harris; Thompson (1), Paul, Hayes (1), W. Seymour, Salerno.

APIA 0: J. Seymour; Staples, Buckley; Pedulla, Smart, Russell; Lee; McNamara, McKenzie, Clocciatti (G. Gray), Morrison.

Referee: N.F. Jones.

St. George 2: Fraser; Screen, Cox; Lewis, Gordon, Denman; Tsolakis, Liddy, Freer (2), Rodgers, Treasure.

Prague 1: Flower; Green, Spinks; Flynn, Zenari, Steffe; Petty (1), Butt, Franklin, Perry, Anasis.

Referee: P. Nikolas.

Polonia 0: Rule; Henretty, Davis; Wellings, Tansley, McFadyen; Knight, Szulc, Watson, Chodkiewicz, Parkin.

Pan Hellenic 2: McClure; Langdon, Dredge; Haggett, Sparsis, Campbell; Coelho, Tiliacos (2), Sotos, Huntley, Werner.

Referee: R. Kerr.

Hakoah 3: Deak; McIlveen, Reichard; Szegedi, Smith, Sidons (1); Carr (1), Harrison, Taylor, Prokurat (1), Kovacic.

South Coast 2: Radburn; Bott, Newson; Johnson, Whitefield, Sutherland; Kampe, McLeod, Conlin, Newman (2), Vandelovich.

Referee: F. O'Connor.

## SYDNEY PROGRAM

# THIS WEEKEND

### SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Canterbury v. Melita Eagles — Arlington Oval  
Yugal v. Manly — Marks Field  
Hornsby-NE v. Balgownie — Pennant Hills Oval  
Marconi v. Western Suburbs — Marconi Oval

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28

St. George v. Pan Hellenic — Hurstville Oval  
Polonia-NS v. Croatia — North Sydney Oval  
Hakoah v. Prague — Wentworth Park  
SCU v. APIA — Woonona Oval  
Auburn v. Corinthians — Mona Park  
Lane Cove v. Bankstown — Pottery Green  
North Bankstown v. Sutherland — George Green  
Granville v. North Sydney — Macarthur Park

# NEXT WEEKEND